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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

John K. Jackson *et al.*

Application No.: 09/181,582

Filed: October 28, 1998

For: POLYMERIC SYSTEMS FOR
DRUG DELIVERY AND USES
THEREOF

Examiner: Edward J. Webman

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2002. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination of the above-referenced patent application in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-4 and 6-62.

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as follows:

1. (Amended) A polymeric drug delivery system, comprising:
- a) a biodegradable water insoluble block copolymer that is a solid or wax at 37°C, comprising greater than 50% hydrophobic blocks, and less than 50% hydrophilic blocks;
 - b) a biodegradable water soluble polymer that is a liquid at 25° C; and,
 - c) a hydrophobic drug,
- wherein said polymeric drug delivery system is a liquid or paste at 25° C.